

2011 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations

Season Dates

Youth Archery	March 25 - May 31
Archery	March 25 - May 31
Youth Shotgun	April 9 - May 31
Shotgun	April 16 - May 31

Hunting Area

Seasons are valid statewide, except on federal and state sanctuaries or refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

Legal Equipment

Shotgun Season – Shotgun only, 10-gauge or smaller; shells containing shot size 2 to 7½ only, slugs are illegal. It is unlawful to have a loaded shotgun (magazine included) in a vehicle while on a public road.

Archery Season – Longbows, compound bows and crossbows are legal. Arrows must have a sharpened hunting head, with a blade of at least 7/16-inch radius, or a blunt (bludgeon) head, with a diameter of at least 9/16-inch.

Unlawful Devices and Methods

Use of the following is unlawful: electronic calls, visible laser or light-projecting sights, baiting game birds, and live decoys.

Spring Turkey Permit

A spring turkey permit allows the take of turkeys with archery equipment during the archery season and with a shotgun during the shotgun season. A hunter may have as many as three spring permits. Permits must be signed by the permit holder and may not be transferred or loaned.

Bag Limit

One male or bearded female turkey per permit.

Habitat Stamp

A Nebraska Habitat Stamp is valid for all hunting during the calendar year as dated. It is required for all turkey hunters except residents



under age 16, deployed military permit holders, some holders of veteran and senior permits, and limited landowner permit holders.

Minimum Age

There is no minimum age to hunt turkeys in Nebraska.

Hunter Education

Hunters ages 12 through 29 must have completed firearm hunter education when hunting turkeys with a firearm or crossbow. Bow hunter education is not required for bow and arrow hunting of turkeys. An Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate is available for those who have not completed hunter education. Firearm or crossbow hunters under age 12 and those using the exemption certificate must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 19 or older when hunting anything with a firearm or crossbow. The accompanying person, if age 19-29, must be certified in hunter education. Accompanied means under the direct supervision.

Shooting Hours

Thirty minutes before sunrise to sunset. Before sunrise, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any turkey perched in a tree.

Tagging

See instructions on your permit.

Transportation

The head, beard or one leg must remain naturally attached to the carcass until the turkey is delivered to a commercial processing facility or personal abode of the possessor. Any bearded female turkey taken during the spring season must have the beard naturally attached. If the permit holder does not accompany the turkey, the cancelled permit must be attached to the carcass of the turkey.

Hunter Survey

At the end of the season, you may be selected to receive an e-mail survey questionnaire, which will be used to determine hunter success and total harvest. Please help us by returning the questionnaire. Information on determining the age of your turkey is provided on the back of this sheet.

Get Permission

Obtain permission before hunting on private land. It is unlawful to hunt turkeys within 100 yards of an occupied dwelling or feedlot without specific permission for that purpose, and you may not shoot from the right-of-way of a public road.

Hunter Orange

Hunter orange is not required during the spring turkey season.

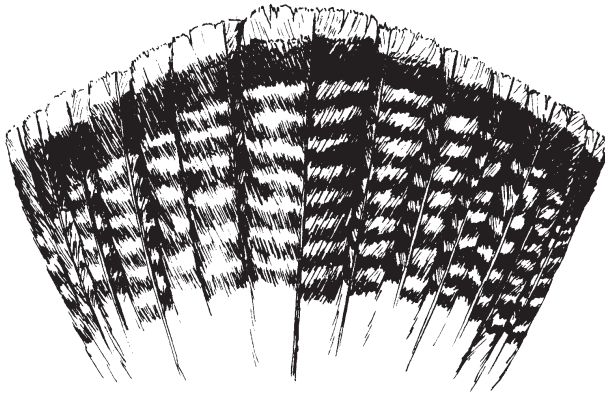
Possession

It is unlawful for any person other than the successful permit holder to possess a turkey or any portion of it. However, any person may possess any portion of the turkey received as a gift, provided a statement of such gift is available for inspection. The statement shall include: hunter's name and telephone number, species and quantity of animal, and, if transferred by gift, signature of donor, name of recipient and date of transfer. There is no restriction on the length of time a turkey may be possessed.

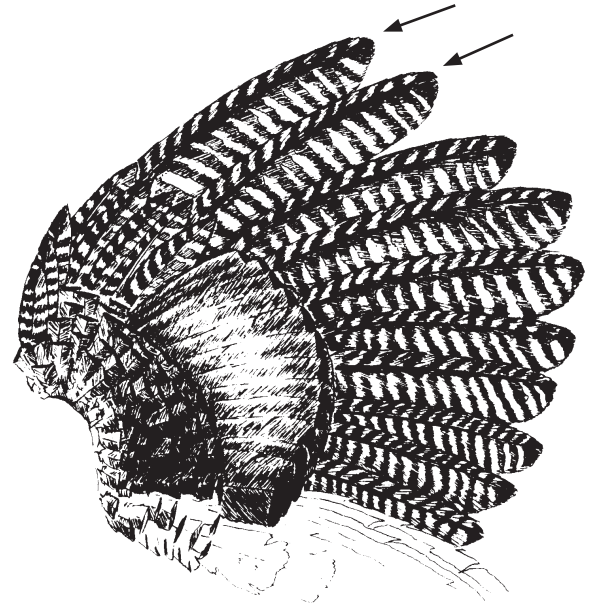
Determining Turkey Age

Adult

Tail: Adult feathers are of equal length.

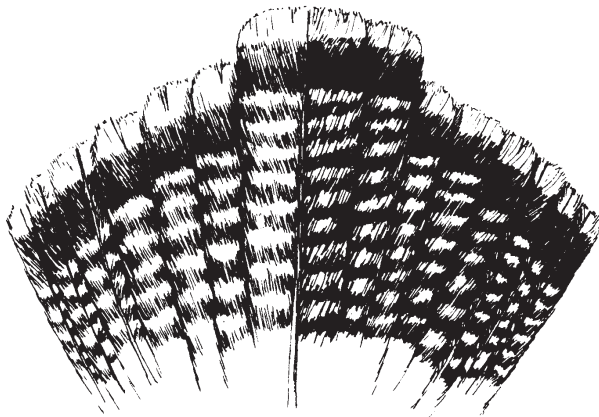


Wing: In adults, the ninth and 10th primaries are rounded and barred.

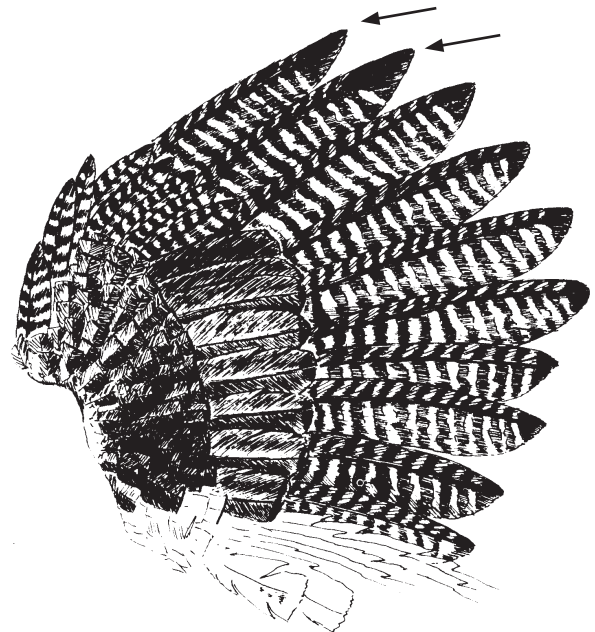


Juvenile

Tail: Juvenile turkeys have two middle feathers that are longer than the others.



Wing: In juveniles, the ninth and 10 primaries are pointed and indistinctly barred at the tip.



Nebraska Wildlife Crimestoppers

If you see a game violation, report it to Nebraska Wildlife Crimestoppers toll-free at (800) 742-7627. Your free call will be kept confidential and you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Purchase permits at OutdoorNebraska.org